



## National Recognition for the Code Ranger Program

**Congratulations Code Rangers!** The National League of Cities (NLC) selected the Code Ranger program as a national finalist in the competition for the 2008 Awards for Municipal Excellence. Finalists were chosen for merits such as innovation, success of implementation, long-term sustainability of the program and most importantly the measurable results benefitting the general community and local government.

***Together we are working to make Arlington better.***



**The Code Ranger team has grown to 279**

## New Code Ranger Commercial Classes Coming

The Code Compliance division of Community Services is working closely with the North Arlington Business Council (NABC) and the business community. Beginning this September training will be offered specifically designed to increase code compliance within commercially zoned areas.

Some of the more common commercial property code violations include:

- ▶ Illegal signage
- ▶ Dilapidated sign/improperly placed sign
- ▶ Overfilled dumpster
- ▶ Dilapidated commercial fence
- ▶ Improper screening (between different zoning districts)

**Commercial  
Signage  
Violation**



Business owners interested in hosting a commercial code training class should contact Michael Thomas at [Michael.Thomas@arlingtontx.gov](mailto:Michael.Thomas@arlingtontx.gov) or by telephone at 817-459-6777.

## Update Duplex Inspection Program



The Duplex Inspection Program officially began on September 1, 2008. Code Compliance Officers are busy performing property and structure assessments on the exteriors of duplex properties. Be watching the City of Arlington website for a list recognizing properties achieving "Team Pride Neighbors" status by passing their inspection. Duplex properties failing with a score of 70 or below will be receiving interior inspections. Visit the Duplex Inspection Program website page by [clicking here](#) for more information.

### **The next Code Ranger training class will be held September 20, 2008**

For more information, and to register to attend an upcoming class contact Field Operations Manager, Michael Thomas at [Michael.Thomas@arlingtontx.gov](mailto:Michael.Thomas@arlingtontx.gov), or by telephone at 817-459-6777.

***Become a Code Ranger and help in the effort to make neighborhoods safe, strong and attractive.***



### **Program Progress:**

**As of September 12, 2008:**

- **279** Code Rangers trained
- **8,669** Complaints received
- **9,111** Violations Reported

**The Code Ranger Reporter is now a quarterly publication. Provide comments and feedback [here](#).**

## Code Corner

## Featured Violation of the Quarter



Parking Violations



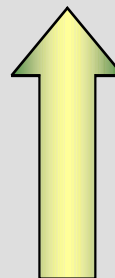
## Parking in the Yard

Parking in the yard is one of the most common code violations in the City of Arlington. By law, parking must be on an all-weather surface which is paved concrete or asphalt as outlined in the amended Nuisance Ordinance (link provided below).

Ordinance pertaining to parking on residential property:

([Click here to read Nuisance Ord. No. 07-045, ARTICLE VII, Sec. 7.01](#))

## Stats this Quarter



Numbers are up. In the reporting period from July 1st through September 9, 2008, **1,522** Code Ranger complaints have been received.

**Great job, Code Rangers!**

## New Program: *The Vacant Structures Initiative*

The Vacant Structures Initiative begins October 1, 2008. This new program will reinvigorate neighborhoods and help residents feel safe anywhere, all the time. Owners of vacant properties will be required to register and provide a maintenance plan for their structure and property. The City will review, approve and monitor the maintenance plan for compliance. The registration fee will be based on the length of time the structure has been vacant.

### 3 Years Vacant

Four inspections per year

- Annual registration fee: \$690 (per structure)

### 4 Years Vacant

Six inspections per year

- Annual registration fee: \$960 (per structure)

### 5 Years Vacant

12 inspections per year

- Annual registration fee: \$1,770 (per structure)

### 6-10 Years Vacant

17 inspections per year

- Annual registration fee: \$2,445 (per structure)

### 10 or More Years Vacant

26 inspections per year

- Annual registration fee: \$3,660 (per structure)

**Vacant Structure Reinspection fee:** \$150 (per inspection)

Code Compliance Officers (CCOs) will respond to complaints in addition to performing scheduled

## Examples of Vacant Properties



This program is designed to encourage responsible ownership and management

Vacant structures can become an eyesore and invite criminal activity



inspections. CCOs will also validate and ensure compliance with maintenance plans, notify owners of any deficiencies and take compliance action as needed.

[View Resolution No. 08-241](#)

Thank you for supporting the Code Compliance division of Community Services in the effort to grow safe and strong neighborhoods.

**Working Together to Make Arlington Better**

## Fall Cleanup Day is Coming!

**Saturday, October 25, 2008**

from 9:00 a.m. To 4:00 p.m.

**For Fall Cleanup Day Rules and Information**

[Click here](#)

Or call **817-459-6777** for more information.

**Thank you!**



## Tips To Use

### Help Speed Up Graffiti Removal

Property owners may receive **free** graffiti abatement simply by having a signed waiver on file with the Code Compliance office. A signed waiver gives the Graffiti Abatement Team (GAT) permission to quickly remove a graffiti tag. [Click here](#) to access the waiver form.

**Thank you for your teamwork**